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## **Apprenticeship**

Apprenticeship is post-secondary education with a difference. Apprenticeship begins with finding an employer. Employers hire apprentices, pay their wages and provide on-the-job training and work experience. Approximately 80 per cent of an apprentice's time is spent on the job under the supervision of a certified journeyperson or qualified tradesperson. The other 20 per cent involves technical training provided at, or through, a post-secondary institution – usually a college or technical institute.

To become certified journeypersons, apprentices must learn theory and skills, and they must pass examinations. Requirements for certification—including the content and delivery of technical training—are developed and updated by the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board on the recommendation of the Electrician Provincial Apprenticeship Committee.

The graduate of the Electrician apprenticeship program is a certified journeyperson who will be able to:

- have a thorough knowledge and understanding of electrical theory and its application to lighting, power and control equipment
- layout and install the various electrical circuits in residential, commercial, industrial and institutional complexes and buildings
- implement the instructions given in plans and specifications pertaining to electrical installations
- be thoroughly familiar with the safety requirements for electrical installations
- be capable of trouble shooting and maintaining electrical systems and equipment
- competently use the test instruments and various tools necessary to perform tasks
- be familiar with the work of other tradespeople in the construction industry and with the different types of building construction
- perform assigned tasks in accordance with quality and production standards required by industry

## **Apprenticeship and Industry Training System**

### **Industry-Driven**

Alberta's apprenticeship and industry training system is an industry-driven system that ensures a highly skilled, internationally competitive workforce in more than 50 designated trades and occupations. This workforce supports the economic progress of Alberta and its competitive role in the global market. Industry (employers and employees) establishes training and certification standards and provides direction to the system through an industry committee network and the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board. The Alberta government provides the legislative framework and administrative support for the apprenticeship and industry training system.

### **Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board**

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board provides a leadership role in developing Alberta's highly skilled and trained workforce. The board's primary responsibility is to establish the standards and requirements for training and certification in programs under the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act. The board also provides advice to the Minister of Advanced Education and Technology on the needs of Alberta's labour market for skilled and trained workers, and the designation of trades and occupations.

The thirteen-member board consists of a chair, eight members representing trades and four members representing other industries. There are equal numbers of employer and employee representatives.

### **Industry Committee Network**

Alberta's apprenticeship and industry training system relies on a network of industry committees, including local and provincial apprenticeship committees in the designated trades, and occupational committees in the designated occupations. The network also includes other committees such as provisional committees that are established before the designation of a new trade or occupation comes into effect. All trade committees are composed of equal numbers of employer and employee representatives. The industry committee network is the foundation of Alberta's apprenticeship and industry training system.

## Local Apprenticeship Committees (LAC)

Wherever there is activity in a trade, the board can set up a local apprenticeship committee. The board appoints equal numbers of employee and employer representatives for terms of up to three years. The committee appoints a member as presiding officer. Local apprenticeship committees:

- monitor apprenticeship programs and the progress of apprentices in their trade, at the local level
- make recommendations to their trade's provincial apprenticeship committee (PAC) about apprenticeship and certification in their trade
- promote apprenticeship programs and training and the pursuit of careers in their trade
- make recommendations to the board about the appointment of members to their trade's PAC
- help settle certain kinds of disagreements between apprentices and their employers
- carry out functions assigned by their trade's PAC or the board

## Provincial Apprenticeship Committees (PAC)

The board establishes a provincial apprenticeship committee for each trade. It appoints an equal number of employer and employee representatives, and, on the PAC's recommendation, a presiding officer - each for a maximum of two terms of up to three years. Most PACs have nine members but can have as many as twenty-one. Provincial apprenticeship committees:

- make recommendations to the board about:
  - standards and requirements for training and certification in their trade
  - courses and examinations in their trade
  - apprenticeship and certification
  - designation of trades and occupations
  - regulations and orders under the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act
- monitor the activities of local apprenticeship committees in their trade
- determine whether training of various kinds is equivalent to training provided in an apprenticeship program in their trade
- promote apprenticeship programs and training and the pursuit of careers in their trade
- consult with other committees under the Apprenticeship and Industry Training Act about apprenticeship programs, training and certification and facilitate cooperation between different trades and occupations
- consult with organizations, associations and people who have an interest in their trade and with employers and employees in their trade
- may participate in resolving certain disagreements between employers and employees
- carry out functions assigned by the board

## Electrician PAC Members at the Time of Publication

Mr. A. Reimer .....	Edmonton .....	Presiding Officer
Mr. M. Brunner .....	Calgary .....	Employer
Mr. D. Basnett .....	Edmonton .....	Employer
Mr. C. Gratton .....	Edmonton .....	Employer
Mr. D. Kingdon .....	Edmonton .....	Employer
Mr. D. Unruh .....	Fort McMurray .....	Employer
Mr. L. Dzwonkiewicz .....	Grande Prairie .....	Employer
Mr. L. Elhart .....	Medicine Hat .....	Employer
Mr. T. Rosychuk .....	Edmonton .....	Employee
Mr. B. Setter .....	Fort McMurray .....	Employee
Mr. K. Blain .....	Red Deer .....	Employee
Mr. B. Dobson .....	Red Deer .....	Employee
Mr. B. Johnson .....	Red Deer .....	Employee



## **Alberta Government**

Alberta Advanced Education and Technology works with industry, employer and employee organizations and technical training providers to:

- facilitate industry's development and maintenance of training and certification standards
- provide registration and counselling services to apprentices and employers
- coordinate technical training in collaboration with training providers
- certify apprentices and others who meet industry standards

## **Technical Institutes and Colleges**

The technical institutes and colleges are key participants in Alberta's apprenticeship and industry training system. They work with the board, industry committees and Alberta Advanced Education and Technology to enhance access and responsiveness to industry needs through the delivery of the technical training component of apprenticeship programs. They develop lesson plans from the course outlines established by industry and provide technical training to apprentices.

## **Apprenticeship Safety**

Safe working procedures and conditions, incident/injury prevention, and the preservation of health are of primary importance in apprenticeship programs in Alberta. These responsibilities are shared and require the joint efforts of government, employers, employees, apprentices and the public. Therefore, it is imperative that all parties are aware of circumstances that may lead to injury or harm.

Safe learning experiences and healthy environments can be created by controlling the variables and behaviours that may contribute to or cause an incident or injury. By practicing a safe and healthy attitude, everyone can enjoy the benefit of an incident and injury free environment.

## **Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board Safety Policy**

The Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board fully supports safe learning and working environments and encourages the teaching of proper safety procedures both within trade specific training and in the workplace.

Trade specific safety training is an integral component of technical training, while ongoing or general non-trade specific safety training remains the responsibility of the employer and the employee as required under workplace health and safety legislation.

## **Workplace Responsibilities**

The employer is responsible for:

- training employees and apprentices in the safe use and operation of equipment
- providing and maintaining safety equipment, protective devices and clothing
- enforcing safe working procedures
- providing safeguards for machinery, equipment and tools
- observing all accident prevention regulations

The employee and apprentice are responsible for:

- working in accordance with the safety regulations pertaining to the job environment
- working in such a way as not to endanger themselves, fellow employees or apprentices

## **Workplace Health and Safety**

A tradesperson is often exposed to more hazards than any other person in the work force and therefore should be familiar with and apply the Occupational Health and Safety Act, Regulations and Code when dealing with personal safety and the special safety rules that apply to all daily tasks.

Workplace Health and Safety (Alberta Employment, Immigration and Industry) conducts periodic inspections of workplaces to ensure that safety regulations for industry are being observed.

Additional information is available at [www.worksafely.org](http://www.worksafely.org)

## **Technical Training**

Apprenticeship technical training is delivered by the technical institutes and many colleges in the public post-secondary system throughout Alberta. The colleges and institutes are committed to delivering the technical training component of Alberta apprenticeship programs in a safe, efficient and effective manner. All training providers place great emphasis on safe technical practices that complement safe workplace practices and help to develop a skilled, safe workforce.

The following institutions deliver Electrician apprenticeship technical training:

Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (Main Campus)	Northern Alberta Institute of Technology (Grande Prairie Campus)
Lakeland College	Lethbridge College
Keyano College	Medicine Hat College (Brooks Campus)
Southern Alberta Institute of Technology	Red Deer College
Northern Lakes College	Portage College

## **Procedures for Recommending Revisions to the Course Outline**

Advanced Education and Technology has prepared this course outline in partnership with the Electrician Provincial Apprenticeship Committee.

This course outline was approved on June 22, 2007 by the Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training Board on a recommendation from the Provincial Apprenticeship Committee. The valuable input provided by representatives of industry and the institutions that provide the technical training is acknowledged.

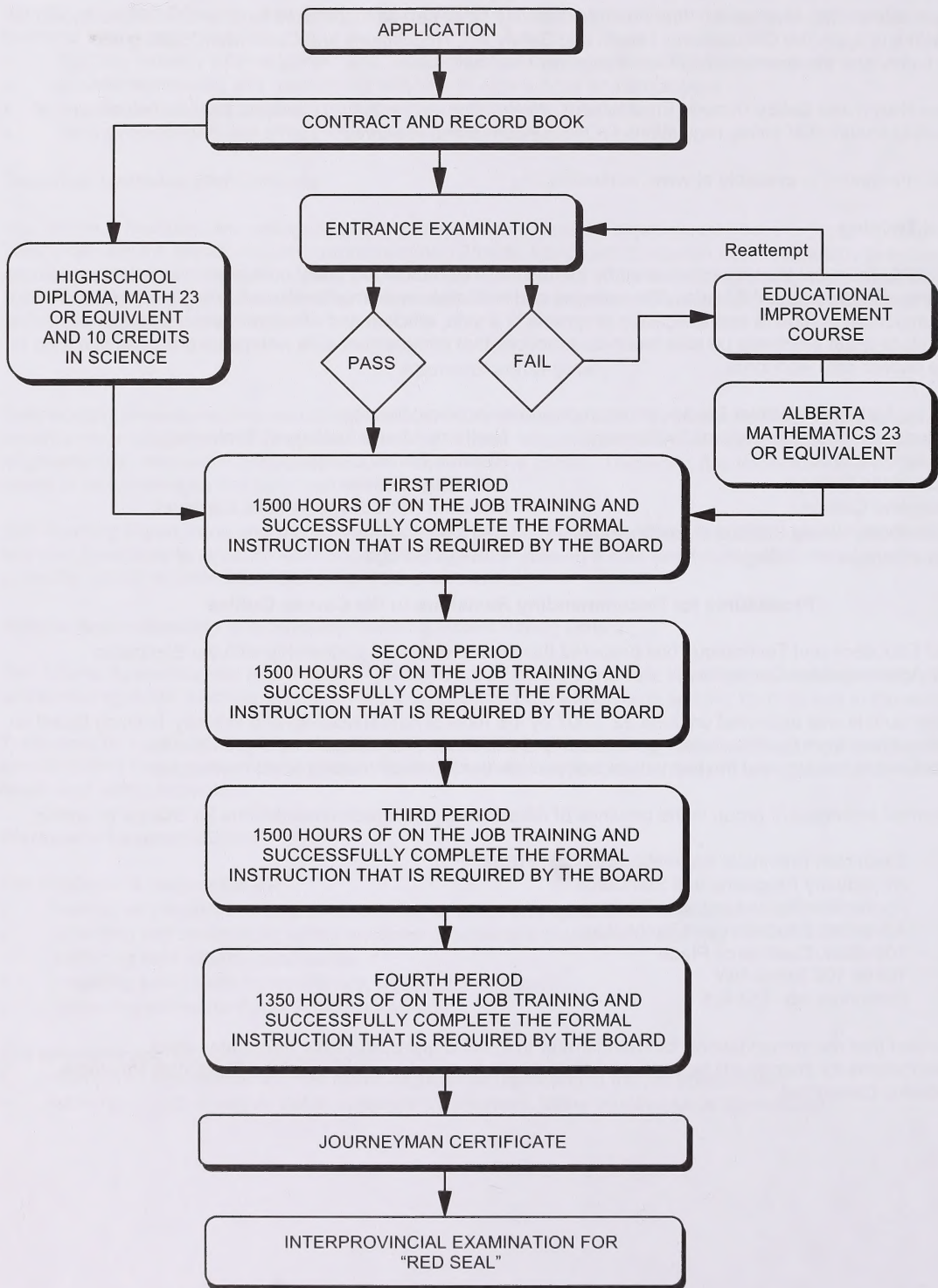
Any concerned individual or group in the province of Alberta may make recommendations for change by writing to:

Electrician Provincial Apprenticeship Committee  
c/o Industry Programs and Standards  
Apprenticeship and Industry Training  
Advanced Education and Technology  
10th floor, Commerce Place  
10155 102 Street NW  
Edmonton AB T5J 4L5

It is requested that recommendations for change refer to specific areas and state references used. Recommendations for change will be placed on the agenda for regular meetings of the Electrician Provincial Apprenticeship Committee.



## Apprenticeship Route toward Certification





**Electrician Training Profile**  
**FIRST PERIOD**  
**(8 Weeks 30 Hours per Week – Total of 240 Hours)**

**SECTION ONE**

**CIRCUIT FUNDAMENTALS**

**80 HOURS**



**A**

Basic Mathematics

10 Hours

**B**

Composition of Matter

4 Hours

**C**

Current, Voltage, and Resistance

10 Hours

**D**

Characteristics of Conductors

6 Hours

**E**

Series Resistive Circuits

8 Hours

**F**

Parallel Resistive Circuits

8 Hours

**G**

Series-Parallel Resistive Circuits

12 Hours

**H**

Work, Energy, Power and Efficiency

10 Hours

**I**

Edison 3-Wire Distribution Systems

12 Hours

**SECTION TWO**

**EMF SOURCES**

**26 HOURS**



**A**

Methods of Producing EMF

4 Hours

**B**

Cells and Batteries

8 Hours

**C**

Magnetism

4 Hours

**D**

Electromagnetism and Electromagnetic Induction

6 Hours

**E**

Generators

4 Hours

**SECTION THREE**

**LAB FUNDAMENTALS**

**69 HOURS**



**A**

Safety

6 Hours

**B**

Meters

4 Hours

**C**

Conductors

6 Hours

**D**

Splicing and Terminating (Low Voltage)

3 Hours

**E**

Resistors

2 Hours

**F**

Switching Circuits

10 Hours

**G**

Basic Circuits Using Buzzers and Chimes

6 Hours

**H**

Relays and Controls

12 Hours

**I**

Low Voltage Switching

10 Hours

**J**

Residential Alarm Systems and Smoke Alarms

10 Hours

**SECTION FOUR**

**CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE PART I AND BLUEPRINTS**

**65 HOURS**



**A**

Introduction to Code

4 Hours

**B**

General Rules – Section 2

4 Hours

**C**

Conductor Material and Sizes

4 Hours

**D**

Service and Grounding Requirements

6 Hours

**E**

Service Feeders and Branch Circuits

6 Hours

**F**

Wiring Methods

8 Hours

**G**

Installation of Electrical Equipment

4 Hours

**H**

Installation of Lighting Equipment

4 Hours

**I**

Lighting

6 Hours

<b>J</b> Data Cabling 7 Hours	<b>K</b> Class 1 and Class 2 Circuits 2 Hours	<b>L</b> Electrical Apprenticeship Training Program Orientation 2 Hours
<b>M</b> Orthographic Projection / Diagrams 2 Hours	<b>N</b> Dimensioning and Scaling / Print and Diagram Nomenclature / Construction Drawings 2 Hours	<b>O</b> Print Reading / Applied Drawings 4 Hours

**SECOND PERIOD**  
(8 Weeks 30 Hours per Week – Total of 240 Hours)

**SECTION ONE**

**ALTERNATING CURRENT  
(ac) CIRCUIT PROPERTIES**

**36 HOURS**



<b>A</b> Review of Math Skills 4 Hours	<b>B</b> Review of First Period Theory 2 Hours	<b>C</b> Fundamentals of Alternating Current 6 Hours
<b>D</b> Introduction to ac Circuits 6 Hours	<b>E</b> Inductance and Inductive Reactance 6 Hours	<b>F</b> Capacitance and Capacitive Reactance 6 Hours
<b>G</b> Power Relationships 6 Hours		

**SECTION TWO**

**RLC CIRCUITS**

**74 HOURS**



<b>A</b> Introduction to Series ac Circuits 10 Hours	<b>B</b> Series Resistive-Reactive Circuits 12 Hours	<b>C</b> Series RLC Circuits 14 Hours
<b>D</b> Introduction to Parallel ac Circuits 10 Hours	<b>E</b> Parallel RLC Circuits 14 Hours	<b>F</b> Power Factor Correction 14 Hours

**SECTION THREE**

**CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE  
PART I / PLANS AND DIAGRAM**

**55 HOURS**



<b>A</b> Introduction to Second Period Canadian Electrical Code 2 Hours	<b>B</b> Service Conductor Ampacity for a Single Dwelling 4 Hours	<b>C</b> Services and Service Equipment for a Single Dwelling 2 Hours
<b>D</b> Feeder and Branch Distribution Requirements for a Single Dwelling 3 Hours	<b>E</b> Grounding Requirements for a Single Dwelling 3 Hours	<b>F</b> Service Ampacity for Apartments and Similar Buildings 6 Hours
<b>G</b> Service Protection and Controls for Apartments and Similar Buildings 2 Hours	<b>H</b> Electric Discharge Lighting, Emergency Systems and Unit Equipment 2 Hours	<b>I</b> Overview of Hazardous Locations - Section 18 3 Hours
<b>J</b> Class 1 Wiring Methods 4 Hours	<b>K</b> Class 1 Locations – Section 20 2 Hours	<b>L</b> Installations in Class II Locations 2 Hours
<b>M</b> Installations in Class III Locations 2 Hours	<b>N</b> Corrosive and Wet Locations - Section 22 4 Hours	<b>O</b> Electrical Installations in Patient Care Areas – Section 24 2 Hours



#### SECTION FOUR

##### HEATING AND COOLING CONTROLS

33 HOURS



P

Capacitor Bank Installations

2 Hours

Q

Diagrams

2 Hours

R

Specifications

4 Hours

S

Drawings and Plans

4 Hours

A

Principles of Automatic Heating and Cooling Controls

8 Hours

B

Temperature Sensing and Control Devices

3 Hours

C

Basic Gas-Fired Forced-Air Heating Systems

8 Hours

D

Mid/High-Efficiency / Gas-Fired / Forced-Air Heating Systems

4 Hours

E

Basic Hot Water Heating Systems

2 Hours

F

Cooling Systems

4 Hours

G

HVAC Rooftop Units

4 Hours

#### SECTION FIVE

##### MAGNETIC CONTROL AND SWITCHING CIRCUITS

42 HOURS



A

Drawings

2 Hours

B

Construction of Control Relays and Contactors  
Operations of Relays

6 Hours

C

Timers and Smart Relays

4 Hours

D

Protection Devices  
(General) Protection Devices  
(Motor Circuits)

4 Hours

E

Construction of Magnetic Motor Starters  
Overload Devices

6 Hours

F

Single Motor Control/  
Pilot Devices and Symbols

6 Hours

G

Diagram Conversion

6 Hours

H

Reversing Magnetic Starters

8 Hours

**THIRD PERIOD**  
(8 Weeks 30 Hours per Week – Total of 240 Hours)

**SECTION ONE**

**THREE PHASE PRINCIPLES**  
76 HOURS



**A**  
Electrical Theory Review  
12 Hours

**B**  
Series RLC Circuits  
2 Hours

**C**  
Parallel RLC Circuits  
2 Hours

**D**  
Three Phase Systems  
(General)  
4 Hours

**E**  
Three Phase Wye  
Connection  
28 Hours

**F**  
Three Phase Delta  
Connection  
28 Hours

**SECTION TWO**

**THREE PHASE POWER  
MEASUREMENT AND POWER  
FACTOR CORRECTION**  
22 HOURS



**A**  
Three Phase Power  
6 Hours

**B**  
Three-Wattmeter Connection  
4 Hours

**C**  
Power Factor Correction  
12 Hours

**SECTION THREE**

**THREE PHASE MOTOR  
PRINCIPLES**  
66 HOURS



**A**  
Three Phase Induction  
Motors  
30 Hours

**B**  
Induction Motor  
Characteristics  
34 Hours

**C**  
Phase Converters  
2 Hours

**SECTION FOUR**

**TRANSFORMERS**  
32 HOURS



**A**  
Transformers  
4 Hours

**B**  
Induction, Turns Ratio  
Polarity and Multiple Winding  
2 Hours

**C**  
Transformer Load Test  
2 Hours

**D**  
Transformer Losses,  
Impedance Voltage and  
Paralleling  
4 Hours

**E**  
Autotransformers  
2 Hours

**F**  
Transformer Connections  
12 Hours

**G**  
Energy Measurement  
6 Hours

**SECTION FIVE**

**CANADIAN ELECTRICAL  
CODE / WORKPLACE  
COACHING SKILLS AND  
ADVISORY NETWORK**  
44 HOURS



**A**  
Grounding and Bonding  
6 Hours

**B**  
Protection and Control  
10 Hours

**C**  
Installation of Equipment  
6 Hours

**D**  
Individual Motors  
6 Hours

**E**  
Motor Banks  
6 Hours

**F**  
Pools, Mobile Homes and  
Temporary Wiring - Sections  
68,72 and 76  
6 Hours

**G**  
Electrician Apprenticeship  
Training Program Orientation  
2 Hours

**H**  
Workplace Coaching Skills  
2 Hours



**FOURTH PERIOD**  
(12 Weeks 30 Hours per Week – Total of 360 Hours)

**SECTION ONE**

**ELECTRICAL THEORY REVIEW**  
12 HOURS



**A**

Basic Electrical Circuits  
2 Hours

**B**

Series RLC Circuits  
2 Hours

**C**

Parallel RLC Circuits  
2 Hours

**D**

Three Phase Basic Calculations  
6 Hours

**SECTION TWO**

**DIRECT CURRENT (dc) MACHINES**  
37 HOURS



**A**

Direct Current Machines  
6 Hours

**B**

Direct Current Generator Principles  
8 Hours

**C**

Types of Direct Current Generators  
5 Hours

**D**

Types of Direct Current Motors (Part 1)  
10 Hours

**E**

Types of Direct Current Motors (Part 2)  
8 Hours

**SECTION THREE**

**ALTERNATING CURRENT (ac) MACHINES**  
40 HOURS



**A**

Three Phase Alternators  
8 Hours

**B**

Paralleling Alternators  
8 Hours

**C**

Synchronous Motors (Part 1)  
8 Hours

**D**

Synchronous Motors (Part 2)  
8 Hours

**E**

Single Phase Motors  
8 Hours

**SECTION FOUR**

**CONTROL AND SWITCHING / PLC**  
57 HOURS



**A**

Drawings and Basic Circuits  
6 Hours

**B**

Controls and Switching Circuits  
8 Hours

**C**

Special Control Circuits  
7 Hours

**D**

Diagram Conversion  
6 Hours

**E**

Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers  
30 Hours

**SECTION FIVE**

**FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS**  
30 HOURS



**A**

Fire Detection and Alarm Systems  
6 Hours

**B**

Fire Detection and Alarm System Regulations  
6 Hours

**C**

Fire Alarm System Occupancy Classifications  
6 Hours

**D**

Wiring Procedures for Fire Alarm Systems  
12 Hours

**SECTION SIX**

**ELECTRONICS**  
92 HOURS



**A**

Electrical Properties and Measuring Instruments  
10 Hours

**B**

Diodes and Rectifier Circuits  
18 Hours

**C**

Application of Diodes and Rectifiers  
12 Hours

**D**

Thyristors  
6 Hours

**E**

Practical Applications of Thyristors Circuits  
10 Hours

**F**

Voltage Regulators  
4 Hours

**G**

Variable Frequency Drives  
12 Hours

**H**

Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS) Systems  
10 Hours

**I**

Cathodic Protection  
10 Hours

**SECTION SEVEN****CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE  
PART 1 APPLICATIONS &  
SAFETY****92 HOURS**

<b>A</b> Conductors 8 Hours	<b>B</b> Protection, Control and Wiring Methods 12 Hours	<b>C</b> Grounding, Bonding and Distribution Layout 6 Hours
<b>D</b> Electric Welders 8 Hours	<b>E</b> Installation of Capacitors and Transformers 4 Hours	<b>F</b> Hazardous and Special Locations 12 Hours
<b>G</b> Individual Motors and Motor Banks 4 Hours	<b>H</b> Safety / Arc Flash / High- voltage 10 Hours	<b>I</b> Service Feeder and Branch Circuit Requirements for a Single Dwelling 4 Hours
<b>J</b> Electrical Requirements for Apartments and Similar Buildings 8 Hours	<b>K</b> Hotels and Motels 6 Hours	<b>L</b> Other Occupancies 10 Hours

NOTE: The hours stated are for guidance and should be adhered to as closely as possible. However, adjustments must be made for rate of apprentice learning, statutory holidays, registration and examinations for the training establishment and Apprenticeship and Industry Training.



**FIRST PERIOD TECHNICAL TRAINING  
ELECTRICIAN TRADE  
COURSE OUTLINE**

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAM THE APPRENTICE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES.

**SECTION ONE: ..... CIRCUIT FUNDAMENTALS ..... 80 HOURS**

**A. Basic Mathematics ..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Solve trade-related problems using basic mathematical skills.*

1.     Recognize basic arithmetic symbols.
2.     Add whole, decimal and fractional numbers.
3.     Subtract whole, decimal and fractional numbers.
4.     Multiply whole, decimal and fractional numbers.
5.     Divide whole, decimal and fractional numbers.
6.     State the correct sequence for arithmetical operations and solve equations which use brackets.
7.     Demonstrate the math skill required for transposition of equations in relation to Ohm's Law.

**B. Composition of Matter ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe the relationship between atomic structure and electron flow.*

1.     Describe the basic composition of matter.
2.     Describe the basic structure of the atom.

**C. Current, Voltage, and Resistance ..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Define voltage, current and resistance and predict how changing the value of any one of them affects the circuit.*

1.     Describe an electric current.
2.     Describe voltage.
3.     Describe resistance and state and apply Ohm's law.
4.     Connect and verify relationship between voltage, current and resistance according to Ohm's law.

**D. Characteristics of Conductors ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe conductors, semiconductors and insulators and calculate the resistance of conductors. Describe the composition of fibre optic cables and their proper handling and installation.*

1.     Demonstrate the math skills required to calculate the resistance of a conductor of specific dimensions.
2.     Describe the factors affecting resistance.
3.     Calculate the resistance of a conductor of specific dimensions.
4.     Describe the electrical properties of materials.
5.     Describe fibre optic systems.

**E. Series Resistive Circuits .....8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze a series resistive circuit and analyze the relationships between current, resistance and voltage.*

1. Define a series circuit and calculate current in a series circuit.
2. State the formula for total resistance and calculate resistance in a series circuit.
3. State and apply Kirchhoff's voltage law to a series circuit.
4. Define the terms ratio and direct proportion and perform calculations using both.
5. State the relationship between the resistive values of components and their voltage drops and solve problems using the voltage divider rule.
6. Determine the voltage drop across a closed-or-open-circuit component in a series circuit.
7. Connect and verify Kirchhoff's current and voltage laws in a series resistive circuit.

**F. Parallel Resistive Circuits .....8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze the voltage, current and resistance characteristics of a parallel circuit.*

1. Define a parallel circuit.
2. Calculate the total resistance of a parallel circuit using the appropriate formulas.
3. State and apply Kirchhoff's current law to a parallel circuit.
4. Describe the effects of open circuits on a parallel circuit.
5. Use the current divider principle to calculate branch currents.
6. Connect and verify Kirchhoff's current laws in a parallel resistive circuit.

**G. Series-Parallel Resistive Circuits .....12 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze a series-parallel resistive circuit.*

1. Identify resistors that are in series.
2. Identify resistors that are in parallel.
3. Calculate the total resistance of a series-parallel circuit.
4. Apply Kirchhoff's current law.
5. Apply Kirchhoff's voltage law.
6. Solve problems involving series-parallel circuits.
7. Connect and verify the relationship of current, voltage and resistance in each part of a series/parallel circuit.

**H. Work, Energy, Power and Efficiency .....10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the terms mass, work, force, energy, and power; describe how they are interrelated mechanically and electrically, and calculate the efficiency of simple circuits.*

1. Describe mass, weight and force.
2. Describe work, energy and power.
3. Describe electrical relationships of work, energy and power.
4. Calculate efficiency, voltage drop and line loss.
5. Connect and verify the power formulae.



## I. Edison 3-Wire Distribution Systems .....12 Hours

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze an Edison 3-wire system.*

1. Identify an Edison 3-wire system.
2. Analyze an Edison 3-wire system.
3. Describe and calculate the effects of a high resistance or broken neutral in an Edison 3-wire system.
4. Connect and verify the effects of a high resistance or broken neutral in an Edison 3-wire system.

## SECTION TWO: .....EMF SOURCES ..... 26 HOURS

## A. Methods of Producing EMF .....4 Hours

**Outcome:** *Describe methods of producing EMF.*

1. Explain the production of EMF by using chemicals.
2. Explain the production of EMF by using heat.
3. Explain the production of EMF by using pressure.
4. Explain the production of EMF by using light.
5. Explain the production of EMF by using magnetism.
6. Explain the production of EMF by using electrostatics.

## B. Cells and Batteries .....8 Hours

**Outcome:** *Describe some common batteries, their care and handling, and recharging precautions.*

1. Define the basic terminology of cells.
2. Describe the construction and operation of a basic primary cell.
3. Describe the construction and operation of three types of lead-acid batteries.
4. Describe the construction and operation of a nickel-cadmium battery.
5. Describe the construction and operation of a lithium battery.
6. Describe the hazards and precautions to be observed when charging batteries.
7. Describe the three common battery performance ratings.
8. Calculate the effects of battery internal resistance.

## C. Magnetism .....4 Hours

**Outcome:** *Describe a magnetic material and define the terms used to express the characteristics of magnetic materials.*

1. Describe the properties of magnetic materials.
2. Define the terminology related to magnetism.

**D. Electromagnetism and Electromagnetic Induction .....6 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe electromagnetism and electromagnetic induction.*

1. Describe electromagnetism and basic design considerations for electromagnetic devices.
2. Describe how an induced voltage is generated.
3. Describe the process of electromagnetic induction.

**E. Generators .....4 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe the voltage and current characteristics of an ac and a dc generator.*

1. Describe the basic construction of a generator.
2. State how a generator produces a voltage and identify the factors affecting its value.
3. State how a generated voltage can be connected to supply alternating current or direct current to a load.

**SECTION THREE: .....LAB FUNDAMENTALS..... 69 HOURS****A. Safety .....6 Hours****Outcome:** *Demonstrate knowledge of safe work practices, safety procedures and responsibility for safety in the workplace.*

1. Describe the workplace safety programs in Alberta and safety procedures relating to the electrician trade.
2. Identify and describe the safe use of common hand tools and equipment related to the electrician trade.
3. Identify and describe the safe use of common power and specialty tools related to the electrician trade.
4. Identify and describe lockout procedures.

**B. Meters .....4 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe proper use, care and safety precautions for various electrical meters.*

1. State the applications of the various meters.
2. List the precautions that must be observed when using meters.
3. Interpret the readings of analog meters.
4. Interpret the readings of digital meters.
5. Recognize the connections for various meters.
6. Demonstrate proper range selection and connections of voltmeter, ammeter, ohmmeter and megger.

**C. Conductors .....6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe basic forms and types of conductors, understand the methods used to identify conductor size, and predict the effects of conductor size on voltage drop in a circuit.*

1. State the common types of conductor materials.
2. List the common forms of conductors.
3. Calculate the cross-sectional area of conductors.
4. Determine the AWG wire size with a wire gauge.
5. Calculate the approximate voltage drop due to conductor resistance.

**D. Splicing and Terminating (Low Voltage) .....3 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe how to make effective splices, taps and terminations.*

1. List and describe four classes of terminations or connections used in the electrical trade.
2. Describe the proper method for stripping conductors and insulating splices.
3. Describe three common wire connections.
4. Describe the techniques used for mechanical and compression splices and terminations.
5. Describe the problems specific to aluminium conductor splices and terminations.

**E. Resistors .....2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify various resistors and interpret their ratings.*

1. List two categories of resistors and describe their construction.
2. Explain the methods used to determine the ratings of fixed resistors.
3. Use a colour code chart to determine the resistance of a resistor.

**F. Switching Circuits .....10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe specific circuit switching arrangements by creating schematic drawing and wiring diagrams and demonstrating their connections in a lab.*

1. Draw symbols that are commonly used in schematic and wiring diagrams.
2. Connect and verify the switching arrangement of various types of switches.
3. List applications of various types of switches.
4. Draw schematic and wiring diagrams for typical lighting circuits and demonstrate their connection.

**G. Basic Circuits Using Buzzers and Chimes .....6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Design, draw and connect a variety of series and parallel circuits.*

1. Determine when to connect pushbuttons and buzzers in series and parallel for various operations and demonstrate their connection.
2. Describe how to connect a set of door chimes and how to add an additional set if required and demonstrate the connection of circuits using buzzers and chimes.



**H. Relays and Controls .....12 Hours****Outcome:** *Connect and analyze control circuits that use relays.*

1. Define specific terms that are used when referring to control circuits.
2. Identify the parts of a relay.
3. Describe the operating principle of a relay.
4. Draw the symbols that are commonly used in control circuits.
5. Draw schematic and wiring diagrams using a relay.
6. Demonstrate the connection of circuits using relays.

**I. Low Voltage Switching .....10 Hours****Outcome:** *Connect and analyze low voltage switching circuits.*

1. Describe the basic concepts of a low voltage switching system.
2. State the advantages of low voltage switching.
3. Describe the operation of a low voltage switching system.
4. Demonstrate the connection of low voltage circuits.

**J. Residential Alarm Systems and Smoke Alarms .....10 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe the operation of, and troubleshoot residential alarm systems and smoke alarms.*

1. Identify various types of sensing and alarm devices used in residential alarm systems.
2. Describe the operation of a basic residential alarm system.
3. Identify the function and applications of residential smoke alarms and carbon monoxide alarms.
4. Connect, analyze and troubleshoot a residential alarm system.
5. Describe the operation of a basic fire alarm system.

**SECTION FOUR: .....CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE PART I AND BLUEPRINTS.....65 HOURS****A. Introduction to Code.....4 Hours****Outcome:** *Understand why and how the Canadian Electrical Code Part I, and the Alberta Electrical STANDATA are used to provide minimum standards for electrical installations in the province. Find information within the Canadian Electrical Code Part I, and know who is responsible for electrical installations.*

1. Explain the purpose of the Canadian Electrical Code Part I.
2. Describe the procedures for the acceptance of the Canadian Electrical Code by the provinces and the local authorities.
3. Describe the function of the electrical STANDATA.
4. Describe the organizational layout of the CEC.
5. Locate specific information in the CEC using a variety of methods.
6. Identify those responsible for an electrical installation.

**B. General Rules – Section 2.....4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Understand the following terms as they apply within Section 2 of the CEC; administrative, safety, maintenance, and enclosure requirements for an electrical installation.*

1. Define the specific terms from Section 2 that apply to the first period code program.
2. Become familiar with the administrative rules in Section 2.
3. List the technical requirements described in Section 2.

**C. Conductor Material and Sizes.....4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine size, insulation type and insulation colour required for a conductor, based upon its condition of use.*

1. Define specific terms from Section 4, that apply to the first period code program.
2. Apply specific rules of Section 4 to determine conductor sizes, with reference to the appropriate tables and appendices.
3. Determine the allowable ampacity of a conductor given load current and conditions of use.
4. Describe the conditions for use of flexible cords and equipment wire and be able to determine their allowable ampacity.
5. Recognize neutral conductors and determine their size.
6. Recall the CEC standards for conductor colours.

**D. Service and Grounding Requirements .....6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the components, installation methods and proper grounding of overhead and underground consumer's services to a single dwelling.*

1. Define specific terms from Section 6 that apply to a residential occupancy.
2. Describe the wiring methods used for the installation of overhead services.
3. Describe the wiring methods used for the installation of underground services.
4. List the requirements for service equipment in a single dwelling.
5. Define specific terms from Section 10 that apply to a single dwelling.
6. Indicate the various points for grounding and bonding of a consumer service and determine the size of these conductors.

**E. Service Feeders and Branch Circuits .....6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine the loading on services, feeders and branch circuits for single dwellings.*

1. Define specific terms from Section 8 that apply to a residential occupancy.
2. Determine the minimum ampacity of service or feeder conductors supplying a single dwelling.
3. Determine the minimum required number of branch circuit positions for a single dwelling.
4. Determine the ampacity requirements for branch circuit conductors and ampere ratings of overcurrent devices applicable to a single dwelling.

**F. Wiring Methods .....8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Define and describe appropriate wiring methods for common installations.*

1. Define specific terms from Section 12 that apply to a residential occupancy.
2. Demonstrate an understanding of the General Requirements sub-section in Section 12.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of the Conductors, General, sub-section in Section 12.
4. Describe the conditions for use of exposed wiring located outdoors.
5. Describe the conditions for use of non-metallic sheathed cable.
6. Describe the conditions for use of armoured and mineral-insulated cable.
7. Describe the conditions for use of raceways in general.
8. Describe the conditions for use of specific raceways.
9. Describe the installation of boxes, cabinets and outlets.

**G. Installation of Electrical Equipment.....4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the procedures for selecting receptacles and designing branch circuits for a residential occupancy and for domestic water heating and cooking appliances.*  
*State the requirements pertaining to storage batteries.*

1. Define specific terms from Section 26 that apply to the first period code program.
2. Apply specific rules of Section 26 that deal with the electrical installations in battery rooms.
3. List the information required when selecting a receptacle for a specific application.
4. Determine the branch circuit requirements, number and location of receptacles required for areas (other than kitchens) of a residential occupancy in general and specifically, a single dwelling.
5. Describe the types of areas that require GFCIs and AFCIs and explain the operation of a GFCI and an AFCI.
6. Determine the branch circuits required, the number and type of receptacles required and the location of each for a kitchen.
7. Determine where the disconnecting means for a furnace must be installed.

**H. Installation of Lighting Equipment.....4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the wiring techniques involved with lighting installations and the terminology associated with lighting systems.*

1. Define specific terms from Section 30 that apply to the first period code program.
2. Become familiar with the general requirements for interior lighting equipment.
3. Describe the factors identified in Section 30, which relate to the location of lighting equipment.
4. Describe the factors identified in Section 30, which relate to the installation of lighting equipment.
5. Describe the methods of wiring various types of lighting equipment.
6. Describe the bonding requirements of lighting equipment.
7. Recall the ratings and control methods of lampholders.



**I. Lighting .....6 Hours****Outcome:** *Select, install and maintain luminaries based upon the user's lighting needs.*

1. Define specific terms that are used in the lighting industry.
2. Describe the different types of electric lighting sources.
3. Describe the theory of operation of fluorescent and HID lamps.
4. Describe the types, purpose and basic operation of ballasts for electric discharge lighting lamps.
5. Compare the efficiencies and light outputs of various light sources.
6. Describe the restrictions on lamp interchangeability and the advantages and disadvantages of different maintenance regimes.

**J. Data Cabling .....7 Hours****Outcome:** *Explain installation considerations and troubleshooting for data cabling systems in residential and commercial buildings.*

1. Describe the basic considerations for data cable installations.
2. Differentiate between data cable types and characteristics.
3. Describe typical data cabling system topographies and characteristics.
4. Describe installation practices for copper data cabling.
5. Describe installation practices for optical fibre cabling.
6. Explain procedures for testing and troubleshooting data cabling installations.

**K. Class 1 and Class 2 Circuits .....2 Hours****Outcome:** *Identify Class 1 and Class 2 circuits and describe their CEC requirements.*

1. Define the terms from Section 16 that apply to the second period code program and list the Section 16 topics.
2. Determine the requirements for Class 1 and Class 2 circuits.
3. Identify the Class 2 circuits in a typical single dwelling.

**L. Electrician Apprenticeship Training Program Orientation .....2 Hours****Outcome:** *Understand the role of the tradespeople, employers, Local Apprenticeship Committees, the Provincial Apprenticeship Committee and Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training in the development and maintenance of the electrician trade in Alberta.*

1. Describe the apprenticeship training system in Alberta.
2. Study the training profile of the electrician apprenticeship in Alberta.
3. Describe the electrician program outline learning outcomes and objectives.
4. Describe the responsibilities for the Contract of Apprenticeship by the apprentice, employer and Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training.
5. Describe a variety of employment opportunities for electricians.
6. Become familiar with the contents of the apprenticeship training record book.

**M. Orthographic Projection / Diagrams .....2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify the various views of a three-dimensional object and obtain information from each one of these views.*  
*Understand and identify block diagrams, wiring diagrams and schematic drawings.*

1. Differentiate between the basic views of objects using orthographic projection.
2. Relate basic orthographic projections to views of a building.
3. Identify the lines commonly found on a blueprint.
4. Distinguish between a block diagram and a wiring diagram.
5. Read and interpret electrical schematic drawings.

**N. Dimensioning and Scaling / Print and Diagram Nomenclature / Construction Drawings .....2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Read and interpret information from a drawing or print.*  
*Identify and interpret commonly used electrical symbols, abbreviations and terms.*  
*List the different types of drawings and their uses in a set of construction drawings.*

1. Read and interpret dimensions from a drawing or print.
2. Use a scale to determine dimensions from a drawing.
3. Identify commonly used electrical symbols.
4. Interpret common abbreviations used on prints and drawings.
5. Interpret technical terms used on prints and drawings.
6. List the different types of drawings and their uses in a set of construction drawings.
7. Describe the disciplines and types of drawings used in a set of construction drawings.

**O. Print Reading / Applied Drawings .....4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Interpret plan of a simple residential electrical installation.*  
*Interpret applied drawings of a simple residential electrical installation.*

1. Extract information from a print.
2. Interpret a drawing of an overhead service for a single-family dwelling.
3. Interpret a drawing of an underground service for a single-family dwelling.
4. Interpret a partial floor plan of a typical residential electrical installation and do a material estimate.
5. Calculate the main service requirements for a single-family dwelling.

**SECOND PERIOD TECHNICAL TRAINING  
ELECTRICIAN TRADE  
COURSE OUTLINE**

UPON SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION OF THIS PROGRAM THE APPRENTICE SHOULD BE ABLE TO PERFORM THE FOLLOWING OUTCOMES AND OBJECTIVES.

**SECTION ONE:.....ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) CIRCUIT PROPERTIES ..... 36 HOURS**

**A. Review of Math Skills ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Perform basic trade related calculations in a variety of problems.*

1.     Perform arithmetic operations in the correct sequence.
2.     Transpose an equation to make any stated term the subject.
3.     Determine the squares or square roots of mathematical expressions.
4.     Convert numbers to and from scientific notation.
5.     Perform calculations involving SI prefixes.

**B. Review of First Period Theory ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe basic electrical concepts and demonstrate their relationships with calculations in a variety of circuits.*

1.     Describe the relationship between resistance, current and voltage.
2.     Perform power calculations for a circuit, given any three of the following: resistance, current, voltage or power.
3.     Solve problems involving series resistive circuits.
4.     Solve problems involving parallel resistive circuits.
5.     Solve problems for circuits containing combinations of series and parallel components.
6.     Use Kirchhoff's law to solve basic Edison 3-wire distribution circuits.

**C. Fundamentals of Alternating Current..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe the fundamental characteristics of ac circuits.*

1.     Explain the generation of an ac sine wave.
2.     Determine the output frequency of an ac generator.
3.     Calculate standard ac sine wave values.
4.     Demonstrate the relationship between sine waves and phasor diagrams.
5.     List the factors affecting impedance in an ac circuit.



**D. Introduction to ac Circuits..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Understand and explain the current-limiting effects of resistance, inductance and capacitance in an ac circuit, and apply the mathematics necessary to deal with the information in this topic.*

1. Compare the three circuit properties: resistance, inductance and capacitance, with respect to their current limiting effects.
2. Explain the effects of ac on the resistance of a circuit.
3. Use the Pythagorean Theorem to solve right triangles.
4. Use trigonometric functions to solve right triangles.
5. Solve problems involving the addition of phasors.

**E. Inductance and Inductive Reactance ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Apply the concepts of inductance and induction to dc and ac circuits.*

1. Describe a basic inductor (coil).
2. Define and describe inductance and the factors which affect it.
3. Describe induction and its effects.
4. Describe the effects of an inductor in a dc circuit.
5. Describe the effects of an inductor in an ac circuit.
6. Analyze an ac inductive circuit.
7. Describe the power relationships in an inductive circuit.
8. Connect and analyze circuits containing inductance.

**F. Capacitance and Capacitive Reactance ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Apply the concepts of capacitors and describe their use in dc and ac circuits.*

1. Define capacitance and describe the construction of a basic capacitor.
2. Describe dielectric strength and state the unit of measurement for electric charge.
3. Calculate the value for the time constant in a dc resistor-capacitor circuit.
4. Analyze an ac capacitive circuit.
5. Describe the power relationships in a capacitive circuit.
6. Describe capacitor types and applications.
7. Connect and analyze the existence of capacitive reactance in capacitive circuits and the effects of discharge rate when resistance is changed.

**G. Power Relationships ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Calculate power, reactive power and apparent power in ac circuits containing  $R$ ,  $XL$ , and  $XC$ .*

1. Differentiate between reactive power due to inductance and reactive power due to capacitance.
2. Determine the power, apparent power, reactive power and power factor angle in an ac circuit.

## SECTION TWO: .....RLC CIRCUITS ..... 74 HOURS

## A. Introduction to Series ac Circuits ..... 10 Hours

**Outcome:** *Describe how resistors, inductors and capacitors affect an ac circuit when they are connected in series.*

1. Analyze an ac circuit containing resistors connected in series.
2. Analyze an ac circuit containing inductors connected in series.
3. Analyze an ac circuit containing capacitors connected in series.

## B. Series Resistive-Reactive Circuits ..... 12 Hours

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze series circuits that contain resistance and reactance.*

1. Analyze a circuit containing resistance and inductive reactance connected in series.
2. Describe the characteristics of a coil.
3. Solve problems involving a resistor and an inductor connected in series.
4. Solve problems involving a resistor and a coil connected in series.
5. Analyze a circuit containing a resistor and a capacitor connected in series.
6. Solve problems involving a resistor and a capacitor connected in series.

## C. Series RLC Circuits ..... 14 Hours

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze series RLC circuits to solve for unknown circuit values and describe applications of this type of circuit.*

1. Analyze a circuit containing resistance, inductive reactance and capacitive reactance connected in series.
2. Explain the practical characteristics of series RLC circuits.
3. Solve problems involving a coil and capacitor connected in series.
4. Solve problems involving a resistor, a coil and a capacitor connected in series.

## D. Introduction to Parallel ac Circuits ..... 10 Hours

**Outcome:** *Describe how resistors, inductors and capacitors affect an ac circuit when they are connected in parallel.*

1. Analyze an ac circuit containing resistors connected in parallel.
2. Analyze an ac circuit containing inductors connected in parallel.
3. Analyze an ac circuit containing capacitors connected in parallel.

## E. Parallel RLC Circuits ..... 14 Hours

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze ac parallel circuits that contain resistance, inductance and capacitance.*

1. Analyze a circuit containing resistance, inductive reactance and capacitive reactance connected in parallel.
2. Solve problems involving a heater connected in parallel with a motor.
3. Solve problems involving motors connected in parallel.

**F. Power Factor Correction..... 14 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Connect and analyze power factor correction on a system that has capacitance connected in parallel to an inductive load.*

1. Analyze a circuit that has a capacitive load in parallel with a motor.
2. State the reasons for and list the methods of maintaining a high power factor in an electrical plant.
3. Calculate the kvar rating of a capacitor bank to correct the circuit power factor using the power method.
4. Calculate the kvar rating of a capacitor bank to correct the circuit power factor using the current method.

**SECTION THREE: ..CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE - PART I / PLANS AND DIAGRAMS ..... 55 HOURS**

**A. Introduction to Second Period Canadian Electrical Code ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Recall terms and concepts learned in your first period code studies.*

1. Demonstrate the ability to apply rules from first period code.

**B. Service Conductor Ampacity for a Single Dwelling..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Calculate the minimum ampacity of conductors to single dwellings.*

1. Define the specific terms from Section 8 that apply to the second period code program and list the Section 8 topics.
2. Determine the calculated current for the service conductors supplying a single dwelling.
3. Determine the minimum ampacity for the service conductors supplying a single dwelling.
4. Determine the minimum AWG size of conductors and the trade size of conduit required for the service conductors supplying a single dwelling.

**C. Services and Service Equipment for a Single Dwelling ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *State the requirements of a service for a single dwelling.*

1. Define the terms from Section 6 that apply to the second period code program and list the Section 6 subtopics.
2. Determine the requirements for metering equipment for a single dwelling.
3. Determine the requirements for service protection and control equipment for a single dwelling.
4. Determine the requirements for overhead service equipment and conductors.
5. Determine the requirements for underground service equipment and conductors.

**D. Feeder and Branch Distribution Requirements for a Single Dwelling ..... 3 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine the branch circuit and feeder requirements for a single dwelling.*

1. Determine the requirements for a single dwelling panelboard.
2. Determine the requirements for typical single dwelling branch circuit conductors and overcurrent devices.



**E. Grounding Requirements for a Single Dwelling.....3 Hours****Outcome:** *Determine the grounding and bonding requirements for a single dwelling.*

1. Define the terms from Section 10 applicable to second period code.
2. Determine the requirements for grounding and bonding in a single dwelling.

**F. Service Ampacity for Apartments and Similar Buildings.....6 Hours****Outcome:** *Determine the service, feeder and branch circuit requirements of an apartment building.*

1. Calculate the minimum ampacity required for a feeder conductor to a dwelling unit in an apartment complex.
2. Determine the demand load on an apartment house or public panelboard feeder conductor.
3. Determine the demand load on a parking lot panelboard feeder conductor.
4. Calculate the minimum ampacity required for the main service conductors in an apartment complex.
5. Determine the required size of a raceway when conductors of different sizes are installed.

**G. Service Protection and Control for Apartments and Similar Buildings.....2 Hours****Outcome:** *Determine the requirements for equipment protection, control, grounding and bonding for apartments and similar buildings.*

1. Determine the requirements for service protection and control equipment for apartments and similar buildings.
2. Determine the requirements for grounding and bonding of apartments and similar buildings.

**H. Electric Discharge Lighting, Emergency Systems and Unit Equipment .....2 Hours****Outcome:** *Determine the requirements for the installation of electric discharge lighting, emergency systems and unit equipment.*

1. Determine the requirements for the installation of electric discharge lighting.
2. Determine the requirements for the installation of emergency systems and unit equipment.

**I. Overview of Hazardous Locations - Section 18 .....3 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe the classification of hazardous locations and the general rules that apply to these locations.*

1. Define the specific terms from Section 18 that apply to the second period code program and list the Section 18 topics.
2. Interpret the general rules regarding installation in hazardous locations.

**J. Class I Wiring Methods .....4 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe the installation requirements for Class I locations.*

1. Determine the requirements of an electrical installation in a Class I Zone 0 location.
2. Determine the requirements of an electrical installation in a Class I Zone 1 location.
3. Determine the requirements of an electrical installation in a Class I Zone 2 location.

**K. Class I Locations - Section 20 ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Recognize installations in which you could encounter Class I hazardous locations and understand specific wiring requirements that apply to each area.*

1. Define the specific terms from Section 20 that apply to the second period code program and list the Section 20 topics.
2. Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in dispensing or refuelling stations for gasoline, propane and natural gas.
3. Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in commercial garages.
4. Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in residential storage garages.
5. Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in bulk storage plants.
6. Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in finishing process areas.
7. Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in aircraft hangers.

**L. Installations in Class II Locations ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the various electrical requirements for a Class II location.*

1. Determine the requirements for an electrical installation in a Class II, Division 1 location.
2. Determine the requirements for an electrical installation in a Class II, Division 2 location.

**M. Installations in Class III Locations ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine the requirements for an electrical installation in a Class III location.*

1. Determine the requirements for an electrical installation in a Class III location.

**N. Corrosive and Wet Locations - Section 22 ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe acceptable electrical installation requirements in Category 1 and 2 locations.*

1. Define the specific terms from Section 22 that apply to the second period code program and list the Section 22 subtopics.
2. Determine the requirements for electrical equipment in a Category 1 and Category 2 location.
3. Determine the requirements for electrical wiring in a Category 1 and Category 2 location.

**O. Electrical Installations in Patient Care Areas – Section 24 ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in the specially defined areas of patient care facilities.*

1. Define the specific terms from Section 24 that apply to the second period code program and list the Section 24 topics.
2. Determine the requirements for wiring and equipment in patient care areas.
3. Determine the requirements for isolated systems in patient care areas.
4. Determine the requirements for essential electrical systems in patient care areas.

**P. Capacitor Bank Installations ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine the conductor sizes and overcurrent ratings for capacitor branch circuits and feeders and the location and ratings of any disconnecting means that are used.*

1. Determine the conductor sizes for various capacitor loads.
2. Determine the rating of the overcurrent protection required for capacitor loads.
3. Determine the requirements for capacitor discharge circuits.
4. Determine the location and current rating of capacitor disconnecting means.

**Q. Diagrams ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Read and interpret electrical drawings and schematic diagrams.*

1. Identify symbols that are commonly used in electrical drawings.
2. Interpret terms used in electrical drawings.
3. Interpret one-line diagrams.
4. Interpret schematic diagrams.
5. Describe the sequence of operation using a schematic diagram.

**R. Specifications ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Acquire a working knowledge of specifications.*

1. State the purpose of specifications.
2. Describe the organization of specifications.
3. Extract specific information from specifications.

**S. Drawings and Plans ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Read and interpret a set of building drawings.*

1. List and describe the divisions of prints.
2. List and describe the different views and schedules that are typically found in prints.
3. Extract specific information from the prints in general.
4. Extract specific information from a set of prints and drawings.

**SECTION FOUR: ..... HEATING AND COOLING CONTROLS ..... 33 HOURS****A. Principles of Automatic Heating and Cooling Controls ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the basic principles for automatic controls for heating and cooling systems.*

1. Outline the basic requirements of heating and cooling systems.
2. Describe the components of a basic forced-air heating system.
3. Interpret basic electrical diagrams used to show the function of a heating or cooling control system.
4. State code requirements relating to the electrical installation of heating and cooling systems.



**B. Temperature Sensing and Control Devices..... 3 Hours****Outcome:** *Explain the operation of temperature sensing and control devices.*

1. Differentiate between the operating characteristics of various temperature-sensing devices.
2. Outline the use and application of various temperature-sensing devices used in heating and cooling systems.
3. Explain how thermostats are used in heating and cooling systems.

**C. Basic Gas-Fired Forced-Air Heating Systems..... 8 Hours****Outcome:** *Connect and troubleshoot basic 24 V and 120 V gas-fired, forced-air heating systems.*

1. Identify the components used in a basic gas-fired, forced-air heating system.
2. Describe the purpose and application of a thermocouple in a basic gas-fired, forced-air heating system.
3. Confirm proper thermocouple operation including open and closed circuit tests.
4. Describe the operation of a domestic heating system using a 24 V control circuit.
5. Connect a 24V control heating system and observe its operation.
6. Describe the operation of a unit heater using a 120 V control circuit.
7. Describe the installation and operation of a fan interlock system on a residential forced air heating system.

**D. Mid/High-Efficiency Gas-Fired Forced-Air Heating Systems..... 4 Hours****Outcome:** *Connect and troubleshoot mid-efficiency, gas-fired, forced-air heating systems.*

1. Identify the components that make up a mid-efficiency, gas-fired, forced-air heating system.
2. Describe the operation of and troubleshoot a mid-efficiency, gas-fired, forced-air heating system.
3. Describe the operation of and troubleshoot a high-efficiency, gas-fired, forced-air heating system.
4. Describe the purpose of and application of auxiliary equipment used with gas-fired, forced-air heating systems.
5. Connect and observe the operation of a direct spark ignition system and a mid-efficiency gas-fired furnace.

**E. Basic Hot Water Heating Systems..... 2 Hours****Outcome:** *Connect and troubleshoot basic hot water heating systems.*

1. Describe the operation of a basic hot water heating system.
2. Identify the purpose and application of the components of a hot water heating system.
3. Analyze and troubleshoot the operation of a hot water heating system.

**F. Cooling Systems ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Explain the operation of and troubleshoot basic heating and cooling systems.*

1. Identify the components used in a typical cooling system.
2. Describe the operation of a typical cooling system.
3. Identify the requirements for combining a basic cooling system with an existing forced-air heating system.
4. Connect and observe the operation of a combined heating and cooling system.

**G. HVAC Rooftop Units ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Troubleshoot a basic commercial heating and cooling control circuit for an HVAC unit.*

1. Describe the components of a typical HVAC unit.
2. Describe the operation of a typical HVAC unit.
3. Differentiate among the applications of thermostats.
4. Describe procedures for troubleshooting a rooftop HVAC unit.
5. Connect and observe the operation of a roof top HVAC unit.

**SECTION FIVE: ..... MAGNETIC CONTROL AND SWITCHING CIRCUITS ..... 42 HOURS****A. Drawings ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify and interpret the four basic types of electrical control drawings.*

1. Interpret the four basic types of electrical control drawings.
2. Interpret the symbols used on schematic drawings and describe the sequence of operation of a control circuit by reading the schematic diagram.

**B. Construction of Control Relays and Contactors / Operation of Relays ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify and analyze the basic components of a relay or contactor. Describe relay operating characteristics, interpret relay nameplate information and recognize the types of relays that are available.*

1. Identify the three main parts of a relay.
2. Describe the purpose of laminations and shading coils in relays and contactors.
3. Name the three different materials used for constructing relay contacts and identify the applications, advantages and disadvantages of each.
4. Describe the action of electrical contacts when the relay coil is energized and describe the problems that could arise due to incorrect contact spring tension.
5. State the advantages of double break or bridge contacts.
6. Describe the operation of a relay.
7. Interpret nameplate information and relay terminal connections.
8. Recognize and describe several common types of relays.
9. Connect and observe correct relay and contactor operation.

**C. Timers and Smart Relays.....4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the need for and requirements of timers and smart relays.*

1. Describe timers and basic timing functions.
2. Describe smart relays and basic timing functions.

**D. Protection Devices (General) / Protective Devices (Motor Circuits) .....4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the need for and requirements of circuit overcurrent protection. Select control and protective devices for a motor branch circuit.*

1. State two basic requirements of all distribution circuits.
2. Describe two devices used for protecting electrical equipment.
3. Identify the factors that determine short circuit currents.
4. Describe the basic disconnection and control requirements for a motor branch circuit.
5. Describe the two basic protection requirements for a motor branch circuit.
6. List the factors that determine the required ampere rating of control and protective devices in a motor branch circuit.

**E. Construction of Magnetic Motor Starters / Overload Devices .....6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the parts of a magnetic motor starter, understand basic starter selection criteria and recognize basic bench tests that can be performed on a starter. Describe, select and set an overload device.*

1. Describe the parts of a magnetic motor starter.
2. Describe the criteria for determining the suitability of a starter for a specific application.
3. Recognize the ohmmeter readings that determine the operational condition of a starter.
4. State the reasons for providing overload devices for motors.
5. Summarize the requirements of CEC rules regarding motor overload devices.
6. Describe the operation and types of overload devices used for motor overload protection.

**F. Single Motor Control / Pilot Devices and Symbols .....6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe basic magnetic motor starter control circuits. Describe basic types of motor control circuits, list the causes of single-phasing and describe procedures for troubleshooting motor control circuits. Explain the terms maintained and momentary as they apply to pilot devices and describe the operation of an automatic device.*

1. Identify the three sections of a basic stop/start circuit.
2. Describe the behaviour of a control circuit when interlock contacts are placed in each of the three sections.
3. Identify the type of pushbuttons (NO or NC) used for stopping and starting and demonstrate how they would be connected for multiple station operation.
4. Differentiate between low voltage release and low voltage protection and state practical applications for each of the two types of control circuit.
5. List three conditions that could cause the single-phasing of a three phase motor and demonstrate how a pilot light could be connected to indicate a motor running condition.
6. Determine the cause of a malfunction in a control circuit.



7. Describe the difference between maintained and momentary types of pilot devices and list examples.
8. Describe the basic operation of automatic pilot devices and list examples.
9. Connect and demonstrate the operation of the following motor controllers:
  - a) single motor control from a single station – 2-wire control
  - b) single motor stop/start control from a single station – 3-wire control
  - c) single motor control from two stop/start stations
  - d) float switches and other pilot devices

**G. Diagram Conversion ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Convert wiring diagrams to schematic diagrams and schematic diagrams to wiring diagrams.*

1. Describe a method by which a wiring diagram may be converted to a schematic diagram.
2. Explain how the electrical sequence of components in a drawing may affect the number of wires in a conduit.

**H. Reversing Magnetic Starters ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the operation and components of a reversing magnetic motor starter.*

1. Describe the operation of a reversing magnetic motor starter.
2. State the purpose of the mechanical interlocks on a reversing motor magnetic.
3. State the purpose of the electrical interlocks on a reversing motor magnetic.
4. Identify the terminal numbers for the two sets of holding contacts on a reversing motor magnetic.
5. Identify the seven sections of the control circuit that can be used for the placement of interlock contacts.
6. Connect and demonstrate the operation of the following forward reversing motor controllers:
  - a) forward / reverse single station
  - b) forward / reverse push button interlock
  - c) forward / reverse with limit switches

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**SECTION ONE:..... THREE PHASE PRINCIPLES ..... 76 HOURS**

**A. Electrical Theory Review ..... 12 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe and analyze basic resistive electrical circuits.*

1.     Demonstrate the math skills required to analyze basic electrical circuits.
2.     Define various electrical terms.
3.     Describe and analyze series and parallel resistive circuits.
4.     Use Kirchhoff's law to solve basic Edison 3-wire distribution circuits.

**B. Series RLC Circuits ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe inductive and capacitive reactance and their effects on an ac series circuit.*

1.     State and apply basic trigonometric functions.
2.     Describe inductive reactance.
3.     Describe capacitive reactance.
4.     Analyze a series circuit containing a coil and a capacitor.

**C. Parallel RLC Circuits ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Analyze a parallel RLC circuit.*

1.     State the effects of connecting inductors in parallel.
2.     State the effects of connecting capacitors in parallel.
3.     Analyze a parallel circuit containing resistance, inductance and capacitance.

**D. Three Phase Systems (General)..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe a three phase electrical system and explain how it is different from a single phase system.*

1.     Explain the difference between single phase power and three phase power.
2.     Explain the generation of the phase voltages of a three phase system.
3.     Explain the phase sequence of three phase sine waves.
4.     State three main advantages of three phase power over single phase power.

**E. Three Phase Wye Connection .....28 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe the characteristics of a three phase wye connection.*

1. State the relationship between phase voltage and line voltage for a wye system.
2. State the relationship between phase current and line current for a wye system.
3. Explain the importance of a neutral conductor on an unbalanced wye system.
4. Draw a complete phasor diagram of a balanced wye-connected circuit.
5. Draw a phasor diagram of a wye circuit with an unbalanced load.
6. Perform calculations for a wye-connected circuit.
7. Connect and analyze three phase wye circuits.

**F. Three Phase Delta Connection.....28 Hours****Outcome:** *Explain and analyze the relationships between voltages and currents in a delta and wye-delta connected system.*

1. Explain the relationship between phase voltage and line voltage in a delta-connected system.
2. Explain the relationship between phase current and line current in a balanced delta-connected load.
3. Explain the relationship between phase current and line current in an unbalanced delta-connected load.
4. Perform calculations for a delta-connected circuit.
5. Connect and analyze three phase delta circuits.
6. Connect and analyze three phase combined wye and delta loads.

**SECTION TWO: ..... THREE PHASE POWER MEASUREMENT ..... 22 HOURS  
..... AND POWER FACTOR CORRECTION****A. Three Phase Power .....6 Hours****Outcome:** *Calculate the power components of three phase systems, circuits and feeders.*

1. State the mathematical equations for all power components in a balanced three phase system.
2. State the mathematical equations for all power components in an unbalanced three phase system.
3. Calculate the three phase power components in a balanced three phase system.
4. Calculate the three phase power components in an unbalanced three phase system.

**B. Three-Wattmeter Connection .....4 Hours****Outcome:** *Describe and draw the connections for three phase metering and calculate meter readings.*

1. Draw a diagram to illustrate the proper connection of three wattmeters in a three phase circuit.
2. Draw a phasor diagram to determine the readings of each wattmeter in a three phase circuit.
3. Calculate the readings of each wattmeter in a three phase circuit.



**C. Power Factor Correction..... 12 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Explain the reasons for power factor correction and describe the methods of improving power factor for a circuit.*

1. Define power factor as it applies to a three phase system.
2. Explain how capacitors will correct the power factor of a circuit.
3. Determine how capacitors should be connected to a three phase system for power factor correction.
4. Perform and verify power factor correction calculations.
5. Explain how capacitors can be safely connected to and disconnected from a circuit.
6. Connect and verify power factor correction calculations.

**SECTION THREE: ..... THREE PHASE MOTOR PRINCIPLES ..... 66 HOURS****A. Three Phase Induction Motors ..... 30 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the theory of operation of an induction motor and perform connections of three phase induction motors.*

1. Identify terms related to a three phase induction motor and state the principle of operation of a squirrel cage induction motor.
2. Describe the principle of operation of a wound-rotor induction motor.
3. Describe the information located on a motor nameplate.
4. Describe the types of single-speed three phase motors and controllers.
5. Describe the types of multi-speed three phase motors and controllers.
6. Connect and identify the leads on a nine lead motor.
7. Connect and demonstrate the operation of the following three phase motor controllers:
  - a) across the line "full voltage"
  - b) manual starters
  - c) magnetic starters
  - d) wye/delta starters
  - e) auto transformer starter
  - f) part winding motor and starter
8. Connect and demonstrate the operation of a wound rotor motor.

**B. Induction Motor Characteristics ..... 34 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the characteristics of an induction motor as it starts and runs, and as load is applied to the shaft.*

1. Calculate the synchronous speed and percent slip of a motor.
2. Determine the effect that the percent slip has on rotor parameters.
3. Describe the relationship between torque and rotor electrical characteristics in a squirrel-cage induction motor.
4. Determine a motor's breakdown torque.
5. Calculate motor efficiency, speed regulation and horsepower.

6. Demonstrate the operation of the following multi-speed motors and controllers:
  - a) variable torque motor and controller
  - b) constant torque motor and controller
  - c) constant horsepower motor and controller
7. Demonstrate the operation of a variable frequency drive.
8. Connect and demonstrate the operation of multi-speed controllers.

**C. Phase Converters ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Explain the basic operation of a phase converter.*

1. Explain rotary phase converter operation.
2. Explain static phase converter operation.

**SECTION FOUR: ..... TRANSFORMERS ..... 32 HOURS**

**A. Transformers..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the basic construction and operating features of single phase transformers.*

1. List the basic features and describe the construction of a single phase transformer.
2. List transformer cooling methods and describe PCB hazards.

**B. Induction, Turns Ratio, Polarity and Multiple Winding..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Analyze and connect multiple-winding transformers using their ratings and polarities.*

1. Calculate the ratings, ratios and associated values of a single phase transformer.
2. State how transformer voltage taps are used.
3. Describe transformer polarities.
4. Connect a multiple winding transformer.

**C. Transformer Load Test ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Explain the term percent voltage regulation and calculate percent voltage regulation values.*

1. Describe transformer action and calculate percent voltage regulation.
2. Perform a load test on a transformer.

**D. Transformer Losses, Impedance Voltage and Paralleling ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Perform basic efficiency tests and describe the requirements for paralleling single phase transformers.*

1. Perform an open-circuit test on a transformer.
2. Perform a short-circuit test on a transformer.
3. Calculate the efficiency and the available short-circuit current of a transformer.
4. Describe the requirements for paralleling single phase transformers.
5. Describe a Class 2 transformer.
6. Connect and analyze single phase transformers used in parallel operation.

**E. Autotransformers ..... 2 Hours****Outcome:** *Analyze the operation of an autotransformer.*

1. Describe the operation of autotransformers.
2. Perform calculations to verify the operation of an autotransformer.
3. List the advantages and disadvantages of autotransformers.
4. Connect and analyze the operation of an autotransformer.

**F. Transformer Connections ..... 12 Hours****Outcome:** *Explain the term percent voltage regulation and calculate percent voltage regulation values.*

1. Draw and describe the characteristics of a wye/wye transformer connection.
2. Draw and describe the characteristics of a delta/delta transformer connection.
3. Draw and describe the characteristics of a wye/delta transformer connection.
4. Draw and describe the characteristics of a delta/four-wire delta transformer connection.
5. Draw and describe the characteristics of a delta/wye transformer connection.
6. Draw and describe the characteristics of an open delta/open delta transformer connection.
7. Draw and describe the characteristics of an open wye/open delta transformer connection.
8. Connect and analyze three phase transformers connections.
9. Connect and analyze an open corner secondary test.

**G. Energy Measurement ..... 6 Hours****Outcome:** *Explain the requirements for the installation of the equipment required for energy measurement.*

1. Describe the connection of self-contained meter sockets for electrical energy meters.
2. Explain how to read energy and demand meters.
3. Describe the connection and use of instrument transformers.
4. Describe the connection of voltmeter and ammeter transfer switches.
5. Connect and analyze instrument transformers and transfer switches for energy measurement.

**SECTION FIVE: ..... CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE / ..... 44 HOURS  
..... WORKPLACE COACHING SKILLS AND ADVISORY NETWORK****A. Grounding and Bonding ..... 6 Hours****Outcome:** *Interpret and apply the rules and regulations in the CEC that pertain to bonding and grounding.*

1. State the reasons for grounding and define the terms used within Section 10.
2. Apply the appropriate regulations pertaining to bonding and grounding.
3. Determine the required AWG size of conductors for grounding and bonding.



**B. Protection and Control..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe where protective and control devices must be installed, the common types of devices and how they operate in systems.*

1. Define various terms relating to circuit protection equipment.
2. Describe the construction and operation of various overcurrent devices.
3. Describe the construction and operation of ground fault and arc fault circuit interrupters.
4. Locate and apply the general requirements pertaining to circuit protective devices.
5. Determine when circuit protection and control devices are required.
6. Describe and compare radial and network distribution systems.
7. Select switches and other control devices based on the requirements of Section 14.
8. Describe co-ordination and series rating of overcurrent devices.

**C. Installation of Equipment..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to the installation of electrical equipment.*

1. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to liquid-filled electrical equipment (indoors and outdoors).
2. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to the installation of transformers.
3. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to the installation of fences guarding electrical equipment and electrical equipment vaults.
4. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to the installation of switchboards, switchgear and panelboards.
5. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to the installation of submersible pumps.

**D. Individual Motors..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Apply the CEC Section 28 requirements for motor circuits.*

1. Define specific terms and describe the CEC general requirements pertaining to the installation of motors.
2. Locate and apply the CEC Rules pertaining to wiring methods, control, and disconnecting means for motor circuits.
3. Locate and apply the CEC Rules to determine the type and ampacity of conductors for individual motors.
4. Explain how overload devices operate.
5. Determine the maximum ampere rating of overload devices required for motors.
6. Determine the maximum ampere rating for an overcurrent device required for a motor branch circuit.
7. Perform all the required calculations and select equipment to properly connect an electric motor.

**E. Motor Banks ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Apply the requirements of Section 28 for the design of feeders for groups of motors.*

1. Determine the required ampacity of feeder conductors for a group of motors.
2. Determine the maximum allowable ampere rating of an overcurrent device for a group of motors.
3. Perform the required calculations and select equipment to properly connect a group of motors.

**F. Pools, Mobile Home and Temporary Wiring – Sections 68, 72 and 76 ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify and interpret electrical installation regulations concerning pools and spas, mobile home parks and recreational vehicle parks, and temporary wiring.*

1. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to the installation of electric wiring in or adjacent to swimming pools.
2. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to the services and distribution facilities of mobile homes and recreational vehicle parks.
3. Locate and apply the regulations pertaining to temporary wiring installations.

**G. Electrician Apprenticeship Training Program Orientation..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Understand the role of the tradespeople, Local Apprenticeship Committees, the Provincial Apprenticeship Committee and Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training in the development and maintenance of the electrician trade in Alberta.*

1. Describe the apprenticeship training system in Alberta.
2. Study the training profile of the electrician apprenticeship in Alberta.
3. Describe the electrician program outline learning outcomes and objectives.
4. Describe the responsibilities for the Contract of Apprenticeship by the apprentice, employer and Alberta Apprenticeship and Industry Training.
5. Describe a variety of employment opportunities for electricians.
6. Become familiar with the contents of the apprenticeship training Record Book.

**H. Workplace Coaching Skills..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Implement workplace coaching skills when training apprentices.*

1. Describe and demonstrate the coaching skills used for training apprentices.

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**SECTION ONE:..... ELECTRICAL THEORY REVIEW ..... 12 HOURS**

**A. Basic Electrical Circuits..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe, analyze, and calculate basic resistive electrical circuits.*

1.     Demonstrate the math skills required to analyze basic electrical circuits.
2.     Define various electrical terms.
3.     Describe and analyze series and parallel resistive circuits.

**B. Series RLC Circuits ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Describe inductive and capacitive reactance, and calculate their effects on an ac series circuit.*

1.     State and apply basic trigonometric functions.
2.     Describe inductive reactance.
3.     Describe capacitive reactance.
4.     Analyze a series circuit containing a coil and a capacitor.

**C. Parallel RLC Circuits ..... 2 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Analyze and compute a parallel RLC circuit.*

1.     State the effects of connecting inductors in parallel.
2.     State the effects of connecting capacitors in parallel.
3.     Analyze a parallel circuit containing resistance, inductance and capacitance.

**D. Three Phase Basic Calculations ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:**     *Complete calculations for three phase wye and delta loads.*

1.     Complete calculations for a wye-connected circuit.
2.     Complete calculations for a delta-connected circuit.
3.     Calculate the three phase power components in a balanced three phase system.
4.     Calculate the three phase power components in an unbalanced three phase system.



**SECTION TWO: .....DC MACHINES ..... 37 HOURS****A. Direct Current Machines ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the main parts of a dc machine and interpret dc machine nameplate information.*

1. Define and explain general terms used to describe dc machines.
2. Describe the parts of a dc machine.
3. Describe specified dc machine nameplate information.

**B. Direct Current Generator Principles ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the principles of operation of a dc generator.*

1. Describe the factors related to the establishment of a magnetic field within a dc generator.
2. Describe the process through which a voltage is generated in a generator.
3. Describe armature reaction.
4. Describe voltage regulation in a dc generator.
5. Describe motor action in a dc generator.

**C. Types of Direct Current Generators ..... 5 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify the types of dc generators and describe their operating characteristics.*

1. Describe the different methods of field excitation of dc generators.
2. Describe the external characteristics of voltage regulation for separately-excited generators.
3. Describe the external characteristics of voltage regulation for self-excited generators.
4. Connect and analyze the operation of the following dc generators:
  - a) cumulative compound generator
  - b) differential compound generator

**D. Types of Direct Current Motors (Part 1) ..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe how a dc motor operates.*

1. Describe the principle of operation of dc motors.
2. State the relationship between torque, field intensity and armature current in a dc motor.
3. Describe generator action in dc motors.
4. Describe the effects of armature reaction.
5. Describe the factors that affect motor speed and define the terms relating to base speed.

**E. Types of Direct Current Motors (Part 2) ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the effects of loading on various dc motors, the types of starting methods used and how dynamic braking works.*

1. Describe the effects of load on different types of dc motors.
2. Describe methods used to start dc motors.
3. Explain the principle of dynamic braking.
4. Connect and analyze dc series and shunt motors.

**SECTION THREE: .....ALTERNATING CURRENT (AC) MACHINES..... 40 HOURS****A. Three Phase Alternators ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the basic construction and theory of operation of a three phase alternator.*

1. State the basic principles of operation of alternators.
2. Identify the reasons for using rotating fields and describe two distinct types of rotors.
3. Describe the construction and electrical connections of a stator.
4. Describe how the rotor field is excited and how the output voltage is controlled.
5. Describe synchronous impedance and the way it affects terminal voltage.
6. Describe how a load test and an impedance test are performed.
7. Identify alternator losses.
8. Connect and analyze three phase alternators.

**B. Paralleling Alternators ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe how to synchronize and parallel two alternators, and shift a load to an incoming alternator.*

1. Describe how to synchronize and parallel alternators.
2. Describe the method of shifting or sharing load between alternators.
3. Connect and analyze parallel operation of three phase alternators.

**C. Synchronous Motors (Part 1) ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the basic operation of a synchronous motor.*

1. List the components of a synchronous motor and compare them to the parts of an induction motor.
2. Explain the principle of operation of a synchronous motor.
3. Explain the relationship between field excitation, stator voltage, stator impedance and stator current.
4. Describe the procedure used to start synchronous motors.

**D. Synchronous Motors (Part 2) ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the effects of changing load or excitation on a synchronous motor and interpret a synchronous motor nameplate.*

1. Explain the effects of varying the load on power factor, torque angle and current.
2. Explain the effects of varying the field excitation on power factor, torque angle and current.
3. Determine how synchronous motors are used to drive mechanical loads and correct power factor.
4. Interpret the nameplate data of a synchronous motor and list some typical applications.
5. Connect and analyze synchronous motors.

**E. Single Phase Motors ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the principles of operation, types and applications of split-phase, single phase motors.*

1. Describe the components, principles of operation and applications of a resistance split-phase motor.
2. Describe the components, principles of operation and applications of a capacitor-start motor.
3. Draw typical connection diagrams for single phase motors.
4. Describe the components, principle of operation and applications of a permanent-split-capacitor motor.
5. Describe the components, principle of operation and applications of a two-value capacitor motor.
6. Connect and analyze a dual voltage motor and reverse it.

**SECTION FOUR: ..... CONTROL AND SWITCHING / PLC ..... 57 HOURS****A. Drawings and Basic Circuits ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the types of electrical drawings and interpret a basic motor control circuit.*

1. Identify symbols used in electrical drawings.
2. Recognize four types of electrical drawings and identify the primary purpose of each.
3. Demonstrate the ability to interpret schematic diagrams to understand how basic stop/start control and electrical interlock circuits operate in a motor-control circuit.

**B. Controls and Switching Circuits (General) ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Utilize various control elements (such as selectors and limits) to control three phase motors (including reversing, jogging and inching).*

1. State the elements involved in the forward/reverse stop control of three phase motors.
2. State the meaning of the terms jogging and inching and describe their circuit designs.
3. Develop schematic diagrams for circuits using selector switches and pilot lights.
4. Develop schematic diagrams for circuits using limit switches and pressure switches.

**C. Special Control Circuits ..... 7 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the application of timing devices, motor braking, plugging and anti-plugging.*

1. Describe timers and basic timing functions.
2. Explain the reason for and the operation and application of motor braking.
3. Describe anti-plugging as it applies to electric motors.
4. Describe the proper method used to install a control transformer.



5. Connect and analyze the operation of the following three phase motor controllers:

- a) forward reversing magnetic starter
  - i) forward reversing with stop button
  - ii) forward reversing with direct direction switch
- b) jogging circuit with three button control
  - i) jogging button using selector switch
  - ii) jogging control using control relay
- c) forward reversing using jogging
- d) hand / off / auto selector switch
- e) forward / reversing with limit switches
- f) motor control using float switches
- g) motor control using pressure switches
- h) motor control using time delay

**D. Diagram Conversion ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Convert wiring diagrams to schematic diagrams and schematic diagrams to wiring diagrams.*

1. Describe the conversion of wiring diagrams to schematic diagrams.
2. Describe the conversion of schematic diagrams to wiring diagrams and explain how the sequence of component connections can affect the wiring installation.

**E. Introduction to Programmable Logic Controllers ..... 30 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the function and hardware components common to Programmable Logic Controllers (PLC).*

1. Describe the function of programmable logic controllers.
2. Describe PLC hardware components.
3. Describe the process of analog in and analog out.
4. Describe five types of PLC programming.
5. Connect and program the basic operation of a PLC.
6. Connect and analyze analog in and out circuits.

**SECTION FIVE: ..... FIRE ALARM SYSTEMS ..... 30 HOURS**

**A. Fire Detection and Alarm Systems ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the general principles and components of a fire alarm system.*

1. Explain the general principles of fire detection and alarm systems.
2. Describe fire system detection devices.
3. Describe fire system signalling devices.
4. Describe fire system ancillary equipment.
5. Explain the operation of a smoke alarm.

**B. Fire Detection and Alarm System Regulations ..... 6 Hours****Outcome:** *Identify and describe fire detection and alarm system regulations.*

1. Describe the areas of jurisdiction of the governing authorities for fire system codes and standards.
2. Identify the requirements for the installation, verification, audit and maintenance of a fire alarm system.

**C. Fire Alarm System Occupancy Classifications ..... 6 Hours****Outcome:** *Determine the criteria for the installation of a fire alarm system and for the location of its components.*

1. Determine when a fire alarm system is required for a specific occupancy.
2. Determine the type and location of fire alarm components for a specific occupancy.

**D. Wiring Procedures for Fire Alarm Systems ..... 12 Hours****Outcome:** *When you have completed this module you will be able to describe wiring methods and procedures for fire alarm systems.*

1. Describe fire alarm system wiring methods and restrictions as contained in the Canadian Electrical Code, Part I, 20th Edition.
2. Describe power and emergency power supply requirements for fire alarm systems.
3. Identify and draw fire alarm circuits for specific systems.
4. Determine the number of conductors required in a cable or conduit run at any given location within a fire alarm system.
5. Connect and analyze single stage, two stage multi-zone and addressable fire-alarm systems.

**SECTION SIX:..... ELECTRONICS..... 92 HOURS****A. Electrical Properties and Measuring Instruments..... 10 Hours****Outcome:** *Recall the characteristics of fundamental electronic circuit components and properly use measuring instruments.*

1. Explain the different ways of defining voltage and current values.
2. Explain the electrical properties and ratings of resistors.
3. Explain the electrical properties and ratings of capacitors.
4. Explain the electrical properties and ratings of inductors.
5. Use test equipment to measure the electrical characteristics of component and circuit properties.

**B. Diodes and Rectifier Circuits ..... 18 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the principles of operation and the applications of diodes in rectifier circuits.*

1. Explain the operating characteristics of diodes.
2. Describe the principles of operation of single phase rectifiers.
3. Describe the principles of operation of three phase rectifiers.
4. Describe the effects of adding filters to a rectifier circuit.
5. Demonstrate the connection of diodes as used in rectifier circuits.
6. Describe and demonstrate the effects of adding filters to a rectifier circuit.
7. Connect and analyze various rectifier circuits and filters.

**C. Application of Diodes and Rectifiers..... 12 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify, test and replace the rectifier components in a battery charger and welder and describe some applications of diodes.*

1. Describe the practical aspects and typical applications of diodes.
2. Select replacement rectifier components including diodes, heat sinks and filter capacitors from manufacturer's specification sheets.
3. Describe the operation of and troubleshoot the rectifier stage of a battery charger.
4. Describe the operation of and troubleshoot the rectifier stage of a welder.
5. Describe the principles of operation and application of various photo electronic devices.

**D. Thyristors ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the principles of operation and typical applications of common thyristor devices.*

1. Describe the principle of operation and application of an SCR (silicon controlled rectifier).
2. Describe the principle of operation and application of an SCR firing circuit.
3. Describe the principle of operation and application of a Triac.
4. Analyze a circuit application using a Triac to control a resistive lighting load.

**E. Practical Applications of Thyristor Circuits ..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Analyze the operation of and troubleshoot the thyristor stages of typical industrial applications.*

1. Connect and troubleshoot a circuit that uses an SCR to control a dc motor from a single phase supply.
2. Troubleshoot a circuit that includes an SCR used to control a dc motor from a three phase supply.
3. Troubleshoot a circuit that includes an SCR used in a battery charger circuit.
4. Connect and troubleshoot a circuit of a triac used in motor control circuits.



**F. Voltage Regulators..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe how voltage regulators control the output or terminal voltage of a generator while operating at varying loads.*

1. Describe the operation of a commercial alternator voltage regulator.
2. Connect and analyze the operation of an automatic voltage regulator.

**G. Variable Frequency Drives ..... 12 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Install program, adjust and troubleshoot variable frequency drives in typical industrial applications.*

1. Recall the principles of operation of ac induction motors.
2. Compare methods of speed control of ac induction motors.
3. Describe the principles of operation and application of a typical variable frequency drive.
4. Connect, program and troubleshoot a VFD.
5. Describe the principle of operation and applications of the insulated gate bipolar junction transistor.

**H. Uninterruptible Power Supply Systems ..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Explain the operation of, and be able to maintain and troubleshoot common uninterruptible power supply systems.*

1. Describe the principles of operation and applications of a UPS system.
2. Explain the operation of an inverter circuit.
3. Describe the installation of a UPS system.
4. Connect and troubleshoot a UPS system.

**I. Cathodic Protection ..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Explain the operation of, and be able to maintain and troubleshoot common cathodic protection systems.*

1. Describe the principles of operation and applications of a cathodic protection system.
2. Explain the operation of a rectifier circuit in a cathodic protection system.
3. Describe the installation of a cathodic protection system.
4. Connect and troubleshoot a cathodic protection system.

**SECTION SEVEN: ..CANADIAN ELECTRICAL CODE PART I / APPLICATIONS / SAFETY ..... 92 HOURS****A. Conductors..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine the size and ampacity of all power and lighting circuit conductors by taking the following conditions into consideration: the degree of enclosure, the ambient temperature, the type of insulation and the conditions of use.*

1. Determine the allowable ampacity and AWG size of circuit conductors.
2. Determine the allowable ampacity and AWG size of neutral conductors.
3. Determine the minimum size of conduit required for installations.
4. Apply the CEC Rules for voltage drop.

**B. Protection, Control and Wiring Methods ..... 12 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the requirements for selecting overcurrent devices, ground fault devices, junction and pull boxes, and the need for expansion joints.*

1. Determine the points in a circuit where overcurrent devices are required.
2. Determine when ground fault protection for equipment is required.
3. Select the proper type and rating of overcurrent devices.
4. Describe the control devices required for conductors and equipment.
5. Determine the minimum dimensions and volume of pull boxes, junction boxes and outlet boxes.
6. Determine when conduit expansion must be taken into consideration and calculate conduit expansion.

**C. Grounding, Bonding and Distribution Layout ..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Interpret and apply the relevant CEC regulations regarding grounding, bonding and electrical service and distribution installations.*

1. List the reasons for grounding and bonding.
2. Apply the CEC regulations with respect to system and circuit grounding and bonding.
3. Apply the CEC regulations with respect to equipment bonding.
4. Lay out an electrical distribution centre.

**D. Electric Welders ..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the requirements for electric welder installations.*

1. Determine the minimum allowable ampacity of conductors, the maximum rating of overcurrent devices and the rating of the disconnect means for one or more transformer arc welders.
2. Determine the minimum allowable ampacity of conductors, the maximum rating of overcurrent devices, and the rating of the overload devices for one or more motor-generator arc welders.
3. Determine the minimum allowable ampacity of conductors, the maximum rating of overcurrent devices, and the rating of the disconnect means for one or more electric resistance welders.

**E. Installation of Capacitors and Transformers ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Select and install the conductors and control devices for a capacitor or transformer according to the requirements of the CEC.*

1. Select appropriate locations for liquid-filled capacitors and transformers according to CEC rules.
2. Calculate the kvar rating of capacitors required to improve or correct the power factor of an inductive load.
3. Calculate the rating or setting of the motor overload device in circuits where power factor correction capacitors are used on the load side of a motor controller.
4. Determine the minimum allowable ampacity of conductors, the rating of disconnect switches and the maximum rating of overcurrent devices for capacitor circuits.
5. Determine the minimum allowable primary and secondary conductor ampacity and the maximum rating of overcurrent devices for transformers.

**F. Hazardous and Special Locations ..... 12 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Identify locations within areas or premises that may be hazardous or Category 1 or 2 locations and describe the acceptable equipment and wiring methods to be used.*

1. Describe the hazardous locations and the way they are classified in Section 18.
2. Identify the equipment and wiring methods required for each of the hazardous location classifications.
3. Identify the areas containing hazardous locations as outlined in Section 20 and describe the requirements for electrical installations in each area.
4. Identify Section 22 locations and select acceptable equipment and wiring methods for these locations.

**G. Individual Motors and Motor Banks..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine the minimum required conductor ampacity, maximum overcurrent device ratings and maximum overload device ratings or settings for individual motors and motor banks.*

1. Describe the CEC general requirements for the installation of a motor.
2. Determine the type, minimum allowable ampacity and AWG size for motor conductors.
3. Determine the rating of overcurrent and overload devices required for a motor branch circuit.
4. Determine the minimum allowable ampacity and AWG size of feeder conductors required for a group of motors.
5. Determine the minimum ampacity of the feeder overcurrent device required for a group of motors.
6. Apply the CEC regulations to properly connect a group of motors.

**H. Safety/ Arc Flash/ High-voltage..... 10 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Demonstrate knowledge of safe work practices, safety procedures and responsibility for safety in the workplace, arc flash equipment, and high-voltage safety.*

1. Identify and describe lockout procedures related to energized systems.
2. Describe arc flash hazards and safety equipment related to arc flash.
3. Describe hazards related to high-voltage installations.
4. Identify the components of high-voltage cable and state the purpose of each.
5. Use high-voltage cable terminology to describe the theory of electrical stress control for high-voltage cables.
6. Describe how high-voltage cables are spliced and terminated.
7. Describe the safety regulations pertaining to the installation of high-voltage cables.

**I. Service Feeder and Branch Circuit Requirements for a Single Dwelling ..... 4 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Describe the requirements for single dwelling feeder and branch circuits.*

1. Define specific terms from Section 8.
2. Determine the minimum allowable ampacity and size of service or feeder conductors supplying a single dwelling.
3. Determine the minimum number of branch circuit positions for a panelboard.



4. Determine the minimum allowable ampacity of branch circuit conductors and the ampere ratings of overcurrent devices for circuits in a single dwelling.
5. Determine the minimum number and location of electrical outlets in a single dwelling.
6. Determine where ground fault and arc fault circuit interrupters are required in a single dwelling.

**J. Electrical Requirements for Apartments and Similar Buildings..... 8 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Determine:*

- a) the loading on services, feeders and branch circuits for apartments and similar buildings and calculate the minimum required ampacity of these conductors*
- b) the minimum number and location of electrical outlets, along with the number of special or general branch circuits needed to supply them from the house and parking lot panel feeders in apartments and similar buildings*
- c) the requirements for service conduit sizing and service equipment grounding and bonding*
- d) the CEC requirements for electric discharge lighting systems, fire alarm systems, emergency systems, and unit equipment and exit signs*

1. Calculate the minimum allowable ampacity for feeders to individual dwellings of an apartment complex or similar building.
2. Determine the demand load on a feeder for a panelboard supplying loads not located in dwelling units.
3. Determine the demand load on a parking lot panelboard feeder.
4. Calculate the minimum allowable ampacity for the main service to an apartment complex.
5. Determine the size of conduit required when dealing with conductors of different AWG sizes.
6. Determine the requirements for service equipment grounding and bonding.
7. Apply the CEC requirements for Electric-Discharge Lighting Systems.
8. Apply the CEC requirements for Fire Alarm Systems.
9. Apply the CEC requirements for Emergency Systems, Unit Equipment and Exit Signs.

**K. Hotels and Motels..... 6 Hours**

**Outcome:** *Calculate the service requirements for hotels and motels.*

1. Determine the requirements for a service for a hotel/motel not larger than 900 square metres.
2. Determine the requirements for a service for a hotel/motel larger than 900 square metres.

**L. Other Occupancies..... 10 Hours**

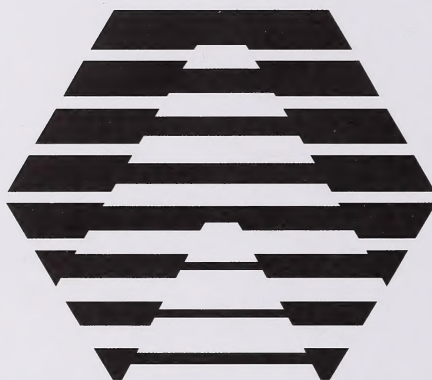
**Outcome:** *Apply CEC Rule 8-210 and Table 14 to determine service and feeder requirements for occupancies not covered by Rules 8-200 through 8-208. These installations are known as other types of occupancy.*

1. Determine the requirements for a service or feeder for an office where the total area does not exceed 930 square metres.
2. Determine the requirements for a service or feeder for an office where total area exceeds 930 square metres.
3. Determine the requirements for a service for a store.
4. Determine the requirements for a service for a warehouse containing motor loads and various other loads.









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